

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (original): A method for removing blown articles from a vertically disposed wheel blow molding machine and placing the articles in a controlled uniform manner on a takeaway conveyor, comprising:

releasing blown articles from a vertically disposed wheel blow molding machine so that said blown articles exit said blow molding machine in a free gravitational vertical-fall;

receiving said free falling articles on an inclined end of a powered takeaway conveyor located underneath said wheel blow molding machine;

confining said blown articles on said inclined end of said takeaway conveyor with a powered endless positioning belt located above said takeaway conveyor and extending along and a spaced distance from said inclined end of said takeaway conveyor such that said blown articles are located between and are engaged by said inclined end and said positioning belt to position said blown articles on said takeaway conveyor in a controlled uniform manner; and

transporting said blown articles on said takeaway conveyor away from the wheel blow molding machine.

Claim 10 (original): A method according to claim 9, wherein said blown articles are released two at a time from the wheel blow molding machine and are received two at a time on said inclined end of said takeaway conveyer.

Claim 11 (original): A method according to claim 10, wherein each blown article includes a pair of bottles integrally attached by flash material, whereby four bottles in a two by two manner are released at a time from the wheel blow molding machine.

Claim 12 (original): A method according to claim 11, wherein at least 500 bottles per minute are transferred in a uniform manner from said wheel blow molding machine to said takeaway conveyer.

Claim 13 (original): A method according to claim 12, wherein at least 700 bottles per minute are transferred in a uniform manner from said wheel blow molding machine to said takeaway conveyer.

Claim 14 (original): A method according to claim 13, wherein at least 850 bottles per minute are transferred in a uniform manner from said wheel blow molding machine to said takeaway conveyer.

Claim 15 (original): A method according to claim 10, wherein said inclined end of said takeaway conveyer is inclined at an angle within a range of between about 60° to 85° relative to the horizontal.

Claim 16 (original): A method according to claim 15, wherein an elongate portion of said positioning belt extends along and faces a major portion of said inclined end of said takeaway conveyor and is substantially parallel to said inclined end.

Claim 17 (original): A method according to claim 16, wherein a conveying surface of said inclined end of said takeaway conveyor advances at a predetermined speed in a downward direction, and wherein said elongate portion of said positioning belt advances at a predetermined speed in a downward direction such that said blown articles confined between said conveying surface of said inclined end and said positioning belt are conveyed downwardly.

Claim 18 (original): A method according to claim 10, wherein said takeaway conveyor has a plurality of equally spaced-apart upstanding flanges, and wherein a pair of blown articles are received on said inclined end and are located between a pair of adjacent upstanding flanges.

Claim 19 (original): A method according to claim 18, further comprising the step of synchronizing said takeaway conveyor with said wheel blow molding machine such that a pair of separate blown articles are located on said inclined end of said takeaway conveyor between each adjacent pair of upstanding flanges.